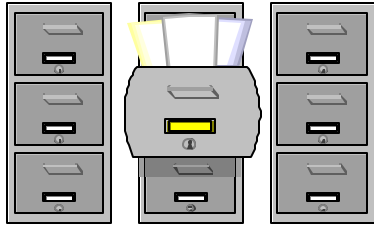


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STATE MINING & GEOLOGY BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Review and recommendations for revising the Board's Strategic Plan

BACKGROUND: The SMGB's Strategic Plan was begun in January 1996, and the first version was adopted by the SMGB in March, 1997. The current (second) version of the Plan was adopted by SMGB in March, 1999. It is the intent of the SMGB that the Strategic Plan be a dynamic document that periodically is reviewed and revised to reflect accomplishments, new objectives, and changing responsibilities. The Policy Committee has the responsibility for maintaining the SMGB's Strategic Plan.

The Draft version of the Plan contains some minor revisions that reflect the completion of specific projects, as well as proposals for new issues dealing with marine dredging.

At its July 13, 2000 meeting, the Committee expressed a desire to review the Strategic Plan, with particular concentration on the subjects of:

- (1) Mineral Designation and Classification – opportunities for educating lead agencies on the importance of mineral resource areas;
- (2) Real Estate Activities – opportunities for educating the Real Estate Industry with regard to mineral resource areas and geological hazards areas;
- (3) Public Outreach Programs – expanding the SMGB's public outreach activities.

The following topics regarding the SMGB's areas of concerns were developed by the Board's Joint Committee earlier this year.

Topics Developed During Previous Discussions:

- 1. Need for tracking-system / tracking-data to be developed.
 - a. DMG to provide information on:
 - [1] Incorporation of Seismic Hazard Maps into General Plans
 - [2] Incorporation of A-P Maps into General Plans
 - [3] Incorporation of MRMP's into General Plans

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- b. DMG to develop monitoring system to track effectiveness of maps and responsiveness of responsible cities and counties.
 - c. Mining Associations to inform the SMGB where city and county General Plans are not in accordance with SMARA, or where local surface mining ordinances are in need of updating. SMGB office already tracks lead agency mining ordinances for updating based on date of certification and number of changes to SMARA since certification.
- 2. Methods of SMGB notification to cities and counties:
 - a. SMGB letters to cities and counties notifying them of necessity to incorporate documents into General Plans and consequences of failure to incorporate documents (consequences to be defined).
 - b. SMGB notifies OPR – files complaint -- when General Plans are not updated to include documents.
 - c. DMG and/or SMGB to develop aggressive outreach programs focused at general population; current DMG/OMR/SMGB outreach programs center on lead agencies, thereby leaving the local education process up to the lead agencies. Includes public appearances by SMGB members.
- 3. SMGB should develop guidelines for incorporating information into General Plans (a la SMARA Model Ordinance; Financial Assurance Guidelines, etc.).
- 4. SMGB Regulations:
 - a. SMARA – regulations for incorporating designated mineral lands into General Plans; for defining the criteria to be considered by a city or county when analyzing the compatibility of developments affecting designated lands.
 - b. SMARA – regulations offering greater definition of the criteria to be considered by the SMGB in its reviews of proposed MRMP's.
- 5. Role of the Real Estate Industry in the process.
 - a. Outreach programs to Real Estate Industry to educate its agents on SMARA and compatibility of developments with surface mining activities; how to read and understand Seismic Hazard Zone Maps; how to read and understand Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone Maps.
 - b. Conduct Workshops for Real Estate Industry